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## COAL MERCHANT'S WIFE BURNS TO DEATH IN FLAT AS SHE 'PHONES FOR AID

Charles E. Thedford Found Raving and Burning at Door of West Side Rooms.

HIS WIFE FORGOTTEN.

Woman's Body Was Found in Bedroom After Flames Had Been Extinguished.

Mrs. Florence Thedford, the young wife of Charles E. Thedford, the owner of a livery, garage and coal business at West End avenue and Ninety-sixth street, was burned to death to-day in their apartment at No. 315 West Ninety-fourth street. While she was dying her husband was fighting the flames at the front door of the apartment trying to reach her. Mr. Thedford was taken away, raving, without being able to make the tenants or those who were trying to help him understand that his wife was inside. Her body was found by the men of the insurance patrol an hour later under the bed in her room at the back of the apartment, where she had apparently crawled in the effort to escape the flames.

Mrs. Thedford returned from the country to-day and telephoned to her husband that she was waiting for him at the apartment. He reached the house at a little before 11 o'clock and went up to the sixth floor. The negro elevator boy, Alphonse Gaskin, left him at the sixth floor, as he was taking out his key to enter the apartment.

A moment later Mr. Thedford's voice was heard in the elevator shaft as he shouted "Fire!" and "Help!" three times. Vera Hussey, the telephone girl on the ground floor, recognized his voice and at once made a connection with the Thedford apartment. It was almost immediately answered. Miss Hussey heard Mrs. Thedford's voice, hoarsely crying "Help! Please, send help!"

Then the voice was silent. The transmitter was left hanging. Gaskin meantime had shot the elevator up to the sixth floor.

In the hall before the Thedford door he found Mr. Thedford with his clothes all ablaze, staggering blindly about the hall walls and trying again and again to make headway against bursts of smoke and flames which were breaking from the apartment into the hall. Gaskin took off his coat and beat out the fire in Mr. Thedford's clothing with it and dragged him into the elevator

## LOOK WHO'S HERE! \$19,000,000 HEIRS IN TOWN TO SPEND

Wake Up, Broadway! They Want You to Help 'Em Lose a Million or So!

Last Broadway all up and take notice! Senhores Dorna Ganeza and Jose B. Geyburu, young, handsome and with nineteen million dollars in real money to spend, arrived in New York to-day on the Red Star liner Zeeland. They can speak a little English, some German, more Italian, fluent Spanish and in Portuguese they can make the stars stand still and Tom Sharkey spend money over his own bar. Their money speaks all languages—as is the way of money the world around.

Their grandfather, who was one of the greatest cattle kings of the Argentine—the land of cattle kings—died a year ago. He left them \$30,000,000. They started for Europe as soon as the estate was settled. Madrid was all right, but slow. So was Lisbon. Paris did very well by them—also, they say. They looked in on Berlin and Vienna, but there were too many lions in the hills and they found it a waste of time trying to figure them out.

They headed for Broadway. It was only the discipline of the Red Star line which kept them from buying the ship from the stewards and handing it back to the passengers. The Senhores Ganeza and Geyburu came to this country because they were irritated by the people with whom they spent their money abroad. Everywhere it was the same back-handed compliment: "Truly, gentlemen, you spend money almost like a man from the United States."

Therefore, the Senhores came to this country to teach Broadway something.

**Explosion Brings Body From Deep.** (Special to The Evening World.) MIDDLETOWN, Aug. 20.—Following the discharge of nine sticks of dynamite in Mombassa Lake last night, the body of Thomas Ready of Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, who was drowned last week, came to the surface of the lake to-day.

## Baseball Scores To-Day

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	
AT NEW YORK.	
FIRST GAME.	
ST. LOUIS—	0 0 0 1 0 0 3 0—4
HIGHLANDERS—	2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—3
SECOND GAME.	
ST. LOUIS—	0 0 0 —
HIGHLANDERS—	0 0 0 —
AT PHILADELPHIA.	
FIRST GAME.	
CHICAGO—	0 0 0 3 0 0 3 0—6
ATHLETICS—	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1
AT WASHINGTON.	
FIRST GAME.	
CLEVELAND—	0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—2
WASHINGTON—	0 0 0 0 1 2 1 0—4
AT BOSTON.	
FIRST GAME.	
DETROIT—	0 0 0 1 0 0 —
BOSTON—	0 0 2 0 0 2 —

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	
AT ST. LOUIS.	
FIRST GAME.	
GIANTS—	0 —
ST. LOUIS—	0 —
AT PITTSBURGH.	
FIRST GAME.	
BROOKLYN—	0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0—2
PITTSBURGH—	0 0 0 0 2 0 0 1—3
SECOND GAME.	
BROOKLYN—	2 —
PITTSBURGH—	1 —
AT CHICAGO.	
FIRST GAME.	
PHILADELPHIA—	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1
CHICAGO—	4 0 1 0 1 0 0 0—6
AT CINCINNATI.	
FIRST GAME.	
BOSTON—	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—
CINCINNATI—	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4—

## YOUNG MRS. ASTOR NOT TO CONTEST HUSBAND'S WILL

Judge Gildersleeve Gives a Statement to Evening World—Saying She Is Satisfied.

HEIR'S BEQUEST AMPLE. When He Is Twenty-One \$3,000,000 Will Have More Than Doubled.

Judge Henry A. Gildersleeve, counsel for Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, widow of Col. John Jacob Astor, to-day dictated the following statement for publication in The Evening World, which indicates quite positively that there will be no contest of the will:

"Mrs. Astor has always expressed entire satisfaction with the provisions made for her by her late husband, both in the ante-nuptial agreements which were entered into and also by the various articles of his will. She has not now nor has she ever had any desire or intention to dispute the validity of the agreements or attack any of the articles of the will.

"As for setting aside the will any lawyer of the slightest experience would not advise that it could possibly be done. Col. Astor was of sufficient age and of sound mind when he executed his last will and testament. It was prepared by Mr. Lewis Cass Ledyard, who was familiar with the various wills of the several heads of the Astor family.

"The will was drawn in accordance with provisions contained in similar documents executed by heads of the Astor family who preceded Col. Astor. It strictly conforms to the laws of the State.

"All of its provisions are valid and strictly conform to the laws of this State. In reference to the article of the will providing for posthumous children it should be said that while the fund of \$3,000,000 seems to be rather small in view of the large estate Col. Astor left and as compared with the sum William Vincent Astor will receive, it is, nevertheless, a large fortune and ample for the heir's maintenance and education.

"It is highly probable that the trust estate set apart in compliance with this provision of the will, if wisely and judiciously selected from the Astor property, will quadruple in value before the heir reaches the age of twenty-one years. Should there be no increase in value of the corpus of this trust the accumulated interest, which amounts to at least \$300,000 or \$350,000, which the child will receive for his own on reaching his majority."

Judge Gildersleeve came down from Staplewood N. Y. where he is spending his vacation especially to consult with Mrs. Astor and her father, William H. Force, with reference to the early appointment of a guardian for little John Jacob Astor. He was in conference with the Force family this afternoon, and he will not return to New Hampshire before Thursday night.

In connection with his statement concerning the position of Mrs. Astor and her family with respect to the will of Col. Astor, Judge Gildersleeve wished to have it made clear that it only covered his "present view" of the subject, and in any way as to the future. In substance he did not desire his statement to be taken as in any way outlining the attitude of any guardian who might act for the little Astor within the next two years, the time in which any provision of the will might be attacked in the courts.

## RUNAWAY HORSES, DRAGGING ENGINE, PLUNGE INTO CANAL

Fire Apparatus Saves Them From Drowning After Thrilling Dash in Brooklyn.

Three horses attached to fire engine No. 104, stationed at Second and Smith streets, Brooklyn, took flight from an unknown cause, to-day, after they had just returned from a fire and were preparing to go into their firehouse. They ran east toward Gowanus Canal, throwing two firemen, who attempted to stop them, to the street, colliding with a contractor's wagon, and eventually running themselves into the canal. They were saved from drowning by their heavy engine, which caught on the stringpiece and held them just far enough above water to give them air.

The company was called to a fire at No. 34 Smith street shortly after 1 o'clock, in a cigar store owned by Max Bergen. The fire was extinguished quickly, the company not being compelled to pump any water at all, and it proceeded back to its quarters. As the driver of the engine, Patrick Wallace, and Thomas Levers, a fireman, were preparing to back the engine into the fire house, the horses, for no apparent reason, suddenly bolted east on Second street. There is a steep grade at that point, which gave momentum to the heavy engine and the madly dashing animals, who seemed blind with fear.

The fire horses, usually exceptionally obedient animals, paid heed to the cries of their driver, who raced after them. With Levers on one side and Wallace on the other, the driverless engine pounded down Second street, followed by a wildly excited and yelling crowd.

After they passed Hoyt street, Wallace and Levers caught up with the horses and closed in, making plucky dives for the outside horse's bridles. Both firemen managed to hang on for several minutes, racing along the street, in danger every second from being trampled under the pounding hoofs of the terrified animals. Suddenly, Wallace lost his grip and was thrown violently to the asphalt, where he lay unconscious. Levers struggled desperately with the animals, but the horses dashed madly on. About a hundred feet past Hoyt street, Levers slipped and fell to the street, rolling out of danger just as the heavy engine swept past.

A half block further on was standing the one-horse wagon of John Gibbons, a contractor of No. 604 Court street. The driver was not on his seat. The engine horses smashed full tilt into the horse and left him mangled, with almost every bone broken in his back. He was shot immediately by a policeman.

A moment later, over the edge of the stringpiece, into the Gowanus Canal went the three animals. But the back wheels of the engine caught the heavy beam on the side of the canal and stayed fast. The horses, with their heads just above the water, kicked and plunged to get loose, but the harness held them fast.

A derrick belonging to the emergency crew of the B. R. T. was summoned by the firemen. After the poles of the engine were sawed in half the horses were lifted to the street.

## DISTRICT-ATTORNEY FACH HAS CHANCE FOR RECOVERY.

Staten Island Prosecutor Who Was Shot by Woman Had Restful Night.

Albert C. Fach, District-Attorney of Richmond County, who was shot in his office by Mrs. Elizabeth M. Edmunds, who believed she had a grievance against him, was reported to-day to have a good chance of recovery. At the Smith infirmary it was said by the surgeons that he had passed a restful night and it was not believed that the bullet, which passed through his body, entering his chest, had touched his lung or any vital organ. Mr. Fach is under thirty and of excellent physique, and, provided there are no unforeseen complications, it was said, should recover rapidly.

## FOUR JOY RIDERS MAY DIE AS RESULT OF CRASH AT DAWN

Three Girls and One Man in Hospital After Smashup Near Springfield, L. I.

PALS DESERT INJURED. Seven of Eleven in Car Flee, Leaving Four Companions Unconscious on Ground.

Four of a party of nine hilarious joy-riders were mortally hurt early to-day when a big touring car driven at sixty miles an hour along the Merrick road collided with a farm wagon just outside of Springfield, L. I.

The car is owned by Olney Mairs of No. 2 East Fifty-third street, now living at his summer home in Lawrence Beach. It was taken after midnight from the New garage on James street, Far Rockaway, which is run by J. A. Kilgallon and a man named Walsh, John Kilgallon, son of the garage proprietor, took it out of the garage, according to the police, and the owner declares he will prosecute the case to the limit. It was a new \$4,000 car which Mr. Mairs recently presented to his wife.

The crash came on the point of the hill, just below where the Merrick road crosses Franklin avenue. The farmer's wagon was demolished and the automobile twisted into a tangled wreck. Luke Kelloran, twenty-seven years old, of Broadway Cottage, Far Rockaway, one of the four men passengers, was pinned under the car when it turned turtle and is dying in St. Mary's Hospital, Jamaica, of a fractured skull and internal injuries. Cecelia Walters, a pretty sixteen-year-old girl, of No. 15 White street, Far Rockaway, has a broken back and two others of the five joy-riding girls are fatally injured.

The others injured, who were removed to the Jamaica and St. Mary's Hospitals, in Jamaica, are Dorothy Smith, twenty-one years old, of No. 845 Walton avenue, the Bronx; fractured ribs and left shoulder and internal injuries; Dora Smith, twenty-one years old, of Walters avenue, Inwood, L. I., fractured ribs and internal injuries.

## ACCIDENT OCCURRED AFTER HILARIOUS NIGHT AT BALL.

Kilgallon vanished directly after the accident and no trace of him has been found. The four less severely injured, all of whom were attended by ambulance surgeons, are Herbert Wheelwright, twenty years old, of No. 23 Birdall avenue, Far Rockaway; Elizabeth Kelly, nineteen years old, of Edgemere; Elizabeth McWilliams, eighteen years old, of Walters avenue, Inwood, L. I.; and J. Garland of No. 238 Central avenue, Far Rockaway.

The entire party had been attending the ball of the Automobile Engineers of Long Island, when they were invited to participate in a joy ride by the van-lashed son of the garage keeper. The sixty-horse-power car had been speeding through the country, swinging around a wide circuit, and it was during the blackest hour before dawn that it came rushing along the Merrick road and crashed into the farm wagon.

This vehicle, laden with garden truck, was owned by Samuel Cowan of Springfield, L. I., and he was driving it. He had almost reached Franklin avenue when he heard the car thundering along the road behind him. Above the din of the car's going he could hear the shouts and laughter of the occupants.

## LIGHT ON WAGON SHOULD HAVE WARNED AUTOISTS.

The heavy shower before midnight had soaked the road, and Cowan, fearing the car might skid and hit him, turned his horse to one side and drove down into the gutter. "That was a lantern suspended from the back of my wagon," said the driver of the automobile, "but I never saw the truck ahead of him."

## CHAUFFEUR OF ASSASSINS' CAR, "JACK SULLIVAN" AND GUNMEN ORDERED TO TRIAL AS SLAYERS

SEVEN MEN INDICTED FOR THE MURDER OF GAMBLER ROSENTHAL.



Grand Jury Finds Blanket Indictment for Murder Against Raider and Six Accused in Rosenthal Murder Plot.

"JACK" ZELIG TELLS HOW HE CHOSE THE KILLERS

In Toils of Lieutenant After "Frame-Up," He Named Gangsters to Slay for Hire.

A blanket indictment was filed this afternoon by the Grand Jury with Judge Mulqueen of the Court of General Sessions charging the following persons with the murder of Herman Rosenthal:

Charles Becker, Harry Horowitz, alias "Gyp the Blood;" Frank Muller, alias "Whitey" Lewis; Louis Rosenberg, alias "Lefty Louie;" Frank Cirofici, alias "Dago Frank;" Jacob Reich, alias "Jack Sullivan," and William Shapiro, alias "Naff." The indictment against Becker supercedes the one originally found.

All the men indicted are under arrest except "Lefty Louie" and "Gyp the Blood." The five in the Tombs will be called upon to plead at the convenience of the District-Attorney.

The vote of the Grand Jury on the indictments was unanimous. When it was announced that the Grand Jury room that the blanket indictment had been found watchers in the corridor outside heard the clapping of hands.

## ZELIG POLICE PLOT VICTIM WHITMAN THINKS.

The ceremony of delivering the indictments to Judge Mulqueen lasted only two minutes. The Court instructed the Grand Jury to consider its deliberations, and another session will be held on Thursday, beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning.

At the conclusion of the session on Thursday the Grand Jury will take a recess of ten days or two weeks. The object of this move is to give the members of the Grand Jury, who have been sitting since July 1, an opportunity to rest up preparatory to going into the graft investigation and also to give the District-Attorney and his staff a chance to arrange the murder cases for trial before Justice Goff in the extraordinary term of the Supreme Court which is to convene on Sept. 3.

Bench warrants were issued this afternoon by Justice Mulqueen for the arrest of the missing "Lefty Louie" and "Gyp the Blood." It is supposed that the District-Attorney will now offer \$5,000 reward for the arrest of the pair.

While the finding of the indictment was an interesting development of the Rosenthal case, it was overshadowed in interest by the unexpected appearance as a witness before the Grand Jury for the State of "Jack Zelig," the east side gang leader, fresh from a jail in Providence, R. I., in which he was confined, if the theory of District-Attorney Whitman is correct, as the result of a police plot.

The evidence of Zelig stiffened the District-Attorney's contention that Lieut. Becker was the instigator of the murder of Rosenthal. Mr. Whitman is so deeply interested in Zelig that the Grand Jury devoted considerable of its time to-day to an investigation which promises not only to clear the gang leader of a charge resting against him but bring punishment to police officers whom he accuses.

## NAMED WILLING GUNMEN FOR "JACK" ROSE.

It was learned before Zelig went before the Grand Jury that he would confirm all of Rosenthal's confession that referred to the initial steps in employing men to kill Rosenthal. Zelig's statement was outlined as follows:

He was prepared to swear that "Jack" Rose approached him and told him Becker wanted Herman Rosenthal put out of the way and had suggested that Zelig should get the men to do it. In and in that way Rosenthal came to be shot to death in front of the Metropole by "Lefty Louie," "Whitey" Lewis,

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